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THE TESTIMONY OF A FRIEND.

By I. H. Morse.

thing more pathetic in Congregational history ever occurred on the Pacific Coast than the ing of one of the Congregational lay leaders in nitarium in Hawaii, far from the state he loved served, and practically isolated from about all he held dear in the world, doomed by an in- ble disease to live away from his home. It es to us with peculiar sadness.

thur Arlett was no ordinary figure; he lived a which might well be emulated by every young in this state; he stood for everything that made righteousness, and was endowed by nature with xpression of his thought and feeling rarely held nen outside of the professions.

political, social and religious activities, wher- he came he moved to the front, being a natural er of men. We lay an immortelle upon his bier king God for his life, and expressing our heart- sympathy to those whom he left behind waiting that day when we shall all gather in that "City ch hath foundations," in that land where "sorrow r comes and friendship never dies."

He has fought the good fight, he has finished the rse, he has kept the faith, henceforth there is up for him a crown of righteousness" which the d of Hosts shall give him. Farewell, Brother, nd, we shall hear your voice no more, but you live in our memories as long as life shall last.

BAY ASSOCIATION.

he First Church, Berkeley, is to entertain the Bay ociation on Tuesday, December 13th. One im- tant matter is to be presented. The committee ifteen at a meeting on Monday, November 21st, ed unanimously to recommend a change in the Laws of the Association, of such a nature as to ke the Association an extension organization, ides fulfilling its usual purpose of a social and pirational body.

n its changed form the Association will be much re effective in propagating our Congregationalism hin its boundary, in planting new fields, and in tering and bringing to self-support churches al- dy organized. The amended by-laws will be pre- sented by the sub-committee, Rev. F. J. Van Horn, president of the Conference Trustees; George S. Martin, moderator of the Conference, and Judge Curtis D. Wilbur.

SOMETHING NEW AT PORTERVILLE.

Charles R. Shatto, the pastor of the Porterville church, has tried an experiment with his mid-week service. It has proven a great success; other pastors may wish to avail themselves of it.

The mid-week meeting starts with a supper at 6:30, furnished by different church groups—the choir, the brotherhood, the Sunday school, etc. A nominal charge is made for the supper. From 7:30 to 7:50 the pastor gives an inspirational address, which is followed by discussion in four groups under proper leadership; these groups are, The Brotherhood; The Ladies; The Young People; and the Children. The discussion period lasts 40 minutes.

At 8:30 the pastor gives a missionary talk, illustrated by pictures thrown on the screen. The meeting adjourns at 9 p. m.

The attendance has run from 75 to 100; and the six weeks trial has proven so happy and spiritual, that the church voted to have another series of six weeks in the early part of the year.

We are sure that Pastor Shatto will be glad to furnish any inquiring ministers with advice and suggestions, so as to spread the good work over a larger field.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sixteenth International Sunday School Convention that meets next June in Kansas City is to be of unusual interest. For the first time in the history of Sunday school work all the forces of the country are uniting. The Association and the Sunday School Council of the evangelical denominations have merged and their new Education Committee will make its first report at this convention. About one million teachers and pupils of Canada and eighteen million of the United States will be represented in the great gathering by 8,000 delegates.

"How can one believe in God, and not believe in immortality?"—G. S. Brett.

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CHRISTIAN UNITY.

In the Geneva Conference, in the Lambeth proposals recently by the Anglican Bishops, and elsewhere, the idea at the front is that the unity of the Church must consist of its ministry; while the Protestant idea has been increasingly strong in its insistence that that unity consists alone in a fellowship with Jesus Christ himself.

They that belong to Jesus—they are one; whether or not confirmed, baptized or otherwise initiated by a regularly ordained clergyman, properly "Bishop," into the priesthood. Apostolic succession has no interference here, nor legitimacy; the door into that all-sufficing relationship with Jesus being no more and no less than faith. The door is as simple as is the faith; and it is the door of no sect and of no ceremony.

Whenever the disciples of Christ shall recognize this, and practice it; then the church will be one, in the fashion Jesus prayed.

ARTHUR ARLETT.

The cablegram from Hawaii announcing the death of Arthur Arlett while not unexpected was sad news to many Congregationalists of this region. Mr. Arlett had made a brave fight for life during the past five years. He had gone some time back to the Islands in the hope that their equable climate might help restore him to health.

He was a strong and able Christian worker; a most invaluable member of the Plymouth church, Oakland; and a power for good in our Conference. He had occupied important positions in the political world; and everywhere he had been a champion for righteousness.

He returned once from the Islands for a brief stay in California, and it will be remembered how at that time, though not well, his voice was lifted up in a meeting of the Bay Association for sanity and square dealing and clearness of judgment.

He has been in our Pilgrim work on the coast an outstanding figure; and his going has taken from us an element of strength.

GILL DECLINES.

At the last meeting of the Northern California Conference Rev. Harley H. Gill of Stockton was unanimously elected Superintendent, to succeed Leland D. Rathbone who desired to lay down the arduous task. Mr. Gill has had the invitation under prayerful consideration and has finally decided that he cannot accept. He says in his letter of declination: "We have tried to make our decision solely on the basis of where in the long run our lives can be of the largest service. We are deeply and humbly grateful for the expression of confidence on the part of the Conference which this election so singularly expressed."

This decision is a disappointment to our churches but the disinterestedness and the sincerity of it, no one who knows Mr. Gill will question.

Thus the selection of a new Superintendent is thrown back upon the Trustees of the Conference. Mr. Rathbone and Mr. Dodge will continue to serve until a successor is found. We are sure that the Board of Trustees will be grateful for any suggestion of men who might be considered specially fitted for this large and increasingly important service.

GOD OUR ASPIRING LIFE.

The November issue of the Pacific Unitarian is full of good things. On the front page is an extract from an address given at Detroit by Dr. Dodson from which we take this paragraph:

"God is our aspiring life, He is our passion for truth and goodness. He is also in our prayer and He is also what we pray for, He is the goal of our aspiration. And contemplating with adoring perfection from Sunday to Sunday and week to week the ideals of perfection, we are gradually transformed into His likeness so that worship becomes the supreme human function, and we are, as Jesus said the children of the Perfect. If we had to give up worship, I think we would give up what is essential and vital in the Christian Church."

REPORT OF SEMINARY VISITORS.

In presenting this report please understand that I am the only member of the committee present and that therefore what I say is my own personal impression and recommendation, as the full committee has not had an opportunity to talk it over and pass upon it.

I have personally visited the classes in the Pacific School of Religion at two different times, once in the fall and once in the spring, visiting as many of the classes and seeing the classroom work of as many of the professors as was possible in the limited time. I was very greatly pleased with the work

aw it and with the splendid spirit of co-operation
l harmony between the professors and the stu-
its. I believe the Pacific School of Religion is to
especially commended for the fine work that is
w being done in the Tuesday afternoon Seminar
sses by Professors Buckham and McCown. These
e of exceptional value to all of the ministers who
e near enough to Berkeley to be able to attend.

Speaking for myself I would recommend and urge
ry strongly that as the faculty desire a closer co-
eration and relationship between the churches
d the School there should be observed in the
urches a "Seminary Day," when the claims of the
cific School of Religion and of the ministry should
presented by the local pastors, and that in ad-
tion to this the faculty members should use their
bbatical year, instead of for some trip abroad,
the work of the actual pastorate, preferably sup-
ying some of the smaller churches in the district
tside of the metropolitan area. So many of our
urches do not know these professors for the fine,
lendid men they are, and this would increase and
rengthen the relationship between the churches
d the School and secure the more cordial co-op-
ation of the churches. It would also increase the
fectiveness of the professors in their work if from
me to time they could have this practical expe-
ence with the problems which the churches and
astors actually have to meet, as they would be
etter fitted to train young men to become ministers
fter having a taste of the actual ministry.

GEO. E. ATKINSON.

Fall Meetings in Southern California.

Los Angeles Association met at Venice, October 7th.

San Bernardino Association met at Yucaipa on October 21st.

San Diego Association met at Calipatria on October 31st and November 1st.

Kern Association met at Wasco November 18th and 19th.

The Los Angeles Extension Society held its semi-annual dinner at the Mt. Hollywood church, October 14th, at which 385 persons were present. Two-minute reports were given from the twenty-eight churches represented.

A district meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies was held at the Hollywood church on October 27th.

GOES TO FLORIDA.

Rev. E. A. King has received a call from the church at Miami Beach, Florida, and has decided to accept it. He has resigned from his church at San Jose and expects to preach his first sermon in his new field on December 11.

Miami Beach is a city made up of northerners, mostly rich people who have been drawn to the place on account of its remarkable all-the-year-round climate, and its wonderful beach. The church is not large in membership, but already has a beautiful auditorium and parsonage furnished for the new pastor. Rev. Luman H. Royce was instrumental in securing the fine equipment for this important church. He was commissioned to find a man for the pulpit and upon his recommendation the church sent a hearty and urgent call to Mr. King.

During the five years of his pastorate in San Jose, the church has paid off a burdensome debt and has prospered in many ways. The man who shall follow Mr. King in this pastorate will find the work much easier and more promising because of the faithful and efficient service of the present pastor.

MOVING PICTURES IN THE CHURCHES.

The Abingdon Press has issued a small pamphlet of 75 pages by Roy L. Smith, with the above title, growing out of the author's experience with films in the Simpson Methodist Church of Minneapolis. It contains a vast deal of information upon the subject both for the churches that are planning the use of such pictures, and also for those who are already in the business. A final chapter entitled "The Trailer," among other things gives a long and quite complete list of distributors of non-theatrical films.

THE MODOC INDIANS.
By George W. Hinman.

After Rev. H. M. Bowman was compelled to give up the joint work under the Home Missionary Society and the American Missionary Association at Fort Bidwell, Modoc county, the friends of that work were much discouraged. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman had accomplished much under very great difficulties, and with almost no equipment for their work for the Indians. They had won the complete confidence of the older Indians, not an easy task as any one knows who has had dealings with these people, and had by persistent friendliness and a great amount of personal work raised very materially the standards of life among the Indians from the wretched conditions in which they were a few years ago.

During the latter part of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman's work, the constructive, helpful attitude of the government superintendent made their work much easier and secured conditions in the Indian community of great promise for an effective program of service.

It was recognized that the great need was a building, for though the government school was open for religious services and the Indian children were expected to attend, the older people needed a place of their own for social meetings, for industrial training and for worship. The first step was to secure a government grant from the military reser-

Indian Helpers

vation where the boarding school is located.

When the Indian village had been been moved on to a more central site with good drainage and convenient land for gardens, the United States Indian Bureau allowed to the American Missionary Association a plot of rich irrigated land of about five acres just across a little stream from the village. Then the friends of the California Indian work, especially our Congregational churches and women's societies, at the suggestion of the Northern California Conference, took up the matter of securing special funds for an Indian church and community center.

The American Missionary Association turned over to the Building Fund nearly $400 balance in the appropriation one year, the Church Building Society agreed to make a grant of $600, the Northern California W. H. M. U. took up energetically the work of securing altogether over $500, churches and individuals and special collections have added considerable and the Northern California Indian Association have donated $300, making a total paid and promised of $2,134.80.

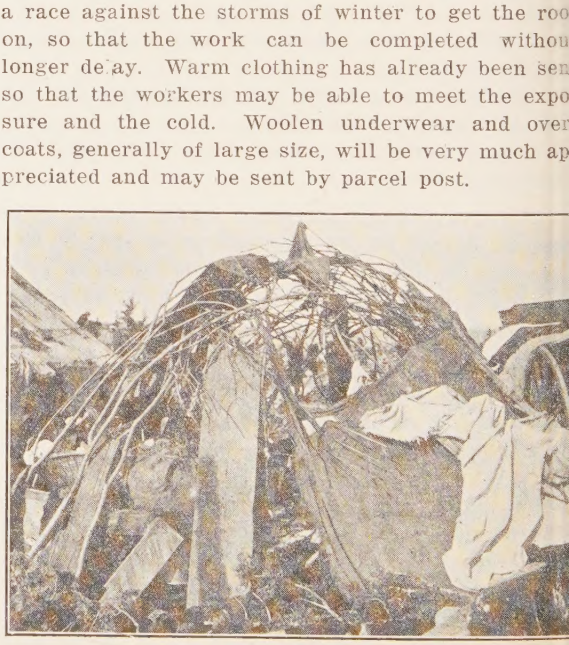
For more than two years this fund has been accumulating and the desire strengthening to see an adequate equipment for this very needy work. The women of our churches have been active in pledging to the A. M. A. the support of its Indian missionary, and in sending boxes of clothing and other needed supplies. The half salary for the missionary on account of his Indian work (the other half coming from the Home Missionary Society for the white church work) was pledged by the three Women's Home Missionary Unions of Northern California, Southern California and Oregon.

There were months of waiting to find a missionary to fill the vacancy made when the Bowmans left. It requires no small degree of consecration to undertake such difficult work in a real frontier country like Modoc county. Finally Rev. Jesse L. Rollins came to the work in September with practical experience in frontier communities, and in building churches, to which he gave not only trained supervision but much of his own labor as a carpenter.

In preparing for the long awaited building Mr. Rollins has shown how such an attitude toward community enterprises is just the thing needed to develop loyalty and co-operation on the part of the Indians and the white people. He had only been an hour or two out digging postholes for the fence to enclose the new Indian Community Center, which for so long had been only a vague promise, when one after another of the Indians began coming over and asking to help. He has been rising at three in the morning and going with Indian teams the long cold drive over the mountains to the lumber mill and this sort of preaching by companionship in service is sure to make the work in the Community Building full of interest and profit.

The Conference Board of Directors have now authorized the erection of an attractive church building with a large concrete basement to be used as a workshop for industrial training for the Indians with kitchen also and social rooms. If ever a community needed their own social center for all the best interests of community life, it is this group of adult Indians at Fort Bidwell. Fortunately there are few who still live in such places as the one pictured here, but none of the shacks affords room for more than half a dozen to meet together.

It will be a great Christmas Day in Fort Bidwell as the building begins to take shape before the eyes of the village on the bluff across the little creek. On account of the severe weather and the high altitude, Mr. Rollins and his helpers will have a race against the storms of winter to get the roof on, so that the work can be completed without longer delay. Warm clothing has already been sent so that the workers may be able to meet the exposure and the cold. Woolen underwear and overcoats, generally of large size, will be very much appreciated and may be sent by parcel post.



Indian Shack

are working "in the trenches" up there now, cavation for the basement which is to be a op and a training school during the cold when the Indians can get no work. Let us of them as our soldiers "on the firing line" front," backing them up with supplies and s we did those who fought for us in France. s they will be able to celebrate such a Christ- ay as the Indian village at Fort Bidwell has seen if the weather holds good so that the g can go on and our prayers and supplies p their courage and faith.

VOX POPULI.

actical, straightforward and altogether com- nse method of discovering "what the public has been employed by Rev. Bryant C. Pres- the Garvanza church, Los Angeles.

tter was mailed to a wide constituency, con- of educators, mechanics, business and pro- al men, leaders in labor and fraternal orders, mes being secured by each member of the being asked to furnish fifteen. This letter solicited opinion as to what constitutes l, up-to-date and interesting subjects," and erson was asked to check ten of the topics mise that the leading ten would be used dur- ensuing three months.

lts up to date show replies from 50 per cent recipients with doubtless more to follow. ut of ten doctors checked the topic: "The edicine—A Merry Heart." The suggested of addresses to young people lead the race Cultivating the Habit of Purity in Thought eech" at the head. Historical and literary are largely ignored, while "Straight Ser- receive more general selection than any other

S. E. B.

NEWS FROM OREGON.

ns, Portland.

uesday, November 8th, a council consisting Portland Association ordained D. E. Nourse Congregational ministry. He is to take up k in this community church left pastorless death of Rev. J. W. Threlfall some months m. T. McElveen of the First church was or of the council and also preached the The ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. owne. Nine churches were represented.

Portland.

J. W. Price of Seattle began his pastorate November 6th, and already the church is over the prospects of growth under his ip. "A Father and Son" banquet on Monday ought together about 85 men and boys.

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ommunity is already making plans for the of a new building to cost aboot $12,000.

Silverton.

A council of recognition met at Silverton on Sunday, November 6th, and received into our fellowship a fully fledged Congregational church with 87 charter members, with a Sunday school having an enrollment of 70 and a full complement of officers and teachers. This church is made up of Congregationally-minded people formerly in the Methodist church of the town, together with others who had not indentified themselves with any church. Rev. F. W. Keagy is pastor of the new and promising organization. The best lot in town has already been purchased upon which a suitable structure for the church will be erected.

Ashland.

Rev. W. J. Oldfield has begun work in this field, bringing new courage to the church and friends.

THE NEW ENGLAND MIND.

Some will resent the title: it is ours and not the publisher's. Perhaps it were better to say, "A New England Mind," for there are probably many kinds.

Florence Mary Bennett, in her story, "An Off-Islander," has very skillfuly set two contrasting personalities over against each other; one might be called "An On-Islander," a New England woman, warped by her environment, terribly conscientious, but terribly rebellious against it; and the other, the real "Off-Islander," a man from the mainland, a New Yorker instead of a New Englander, easy-going, kindly, manly after his own fashion, who, had he met and married the right type of woman, might have developed his potentialities in such degree as to be somewhat in the world of affairs.

Such a setting ought to make a good story; and a good story it is. Not largely a story of action, but rather a story of two minds, two contrasting civilizations. One who enjoys the analytical—and who does not—will immensely enjoy this novel. It is something different, and if only it be brought to the attention of the right sort of people, will sell

AN OFF-ISLANDER, by Florence Mary Bennett. A story of Wesquo by the sea; pages 311. The Stratford Company, Boston.

THE SUNNY SOUTHLAND.

After ten years as pastor at National City, Rev. Edwin Hill, D. D., has offered his resignation to be effective January 1st. Though well past eighty and engaged in the ministry since 1867, Dr. Hill has served his last charge most effectively, and with great reluctance his people consent to the inevitable.

After a year as superintendent of the Rio Grande Industrial School at Albuquerque, N. M., Rev. Otto J. Scheibe has accepted work in Southern California As one of the force under the general supervision of Rev. A. B. Case, Superintendent of the Mexican Missions for the Southern California Conference, Mr.

Scheibe is concentrating his efforts in Pomona Valley, where a large Mexican population looks to our denomination for help.

Rev. F. W. Straw, pastor of the Lemon Grove Congregational church for the past two years, has resigned the pastorate to be effective not later than January 1st.

After serving six years as pastor of Pilgrim church, Pomona, Rev. W. O. Wark tendered his resignation several months ago; and in the early autumn undertook a position as chairman of the ways and means committee of Pomona College.

Rev. F. E. Knopf has accepted the call to the pastorate at Perris, left vacant by the resignation of Rev. H. V. Hartshorne.

Rev. H. T. Staats of Pasadena has been seriously ill now for a year, and last February he was stricken with blindness. He has all this time been unable to read or write. He is pastor emeritus of the Pilgrim church, and was ordained in 1860—sixtyone years ago.

Rev. S. F. Hingelfeld, with a fine record in the Evangelical Association, enters the Congregational ministry, as pastor of the Buena Park church. While living in Oakland he took some courses of study in the Pacific School of Religion.

Rev. A. B. Peebles, who formerly did a fine pioneer work in what is called the San Diego Circuit, has returned from Kern county, and will as before cover this large territory, an area larger than the state of Delaware. It is a difficult field of labor; among the points to be reached and served are Alpine, Dehesa Jamul, Japatul and Decanson.

Rev. G. W. Kitzmiller, secretary of the Sunday School association of Orange county, has accepted the pastorate of the Pilgrim church, Bakersfield.

Rev. Naseeb Malouf, a Syrian born near Mt. Lebanon, who has spent nearly all his life in America, has begun pastoral service with the Ramona church, in the mountains east of San Diego. Mr. Malouf is a graduate of Bates college and Yale Divinity School.

WAYSIDE NOTES.

Californians especially will be interested in the new novel by Dr. Fox of our Pasadena church. The story is entitled "The Vindication of Robert Creighton,'" and deals with the southwest country. We purpose giving a brief review of it in our next issue.

The Rochester Theological Seminary is offering a course in Religious Publicity having special reference to church advertising. The instruction is to be given by Charles A. McAlpine, who was Publicity Secretary of the Northern Baptists in their Victory campaign of 1919.

Washington Township of Alameda County has a flourishing Men's Club, which gets together once in two or three months for the development of a community spirit. Last month the Ladies' G the Niles church entertained about a hund these men with a turkey dinner. Dr. Knoles ident of the Pacific University of San Jose, w speaker of the evening, and gave a very inf address upon Finance. He started that nigh trip to Washington to be an observer of th armament Conference.

The old fashioned donation party has gone style; but the Berkeley First Church ventu revive it for once. When Prof. Buckham arr the church one evening last month he found and his family were to be the recipients of full of linen and other gifts to replenish the home, which had been during the summer e dismantled by a sudden fire. Such a manife of friendship warms all our hearts.

After forty years of public service in C Kansas City, the Ozarks, and San Francisc John Brereton of the Bethlehem church, San cisco has resigned and retired from the activ istry. For the present he is making his h Oroville where his son has a large creamer writes, "Here I am, free from all worry ne borders of the actual Paradise, with its ar and apples such as Eve ate." Surrounded children and six grandchildren, there is no chance of his being lonely, though he has ings for the fellowship of the Monday Club the Bay. The Board of Trustees of th ference voted that the Secretary send to Mr. ton a letter expressing their appreciation services, and a testimonial of their love.

Rev. Howard H. Smith, for some years th day School Secretary for Oregon, has take as missionary at Honokaa, Hawaii. He has his care four Hawaiian churches and pasto is also expected to plant Sunday schools at plantation centers. Just before leaving the he officiated at an out-door sunset wedding son Wendell to Miss Viola Jemison, on thei in Montana.

Rev. T. Hector Dodd of the Pacific Grove reports that the Annual Roll Call held on No 3rd, was largely attended; 125 members down at the tables. Every one present toc part in the meeting; with appropriate quotat remarks. The use of a roll call once a yea well become the custom of all our churc would be the means of rallying slack memb would also foster a sense of fellowship and sibility.

Rev. William Youngman has accepted a un call to the church at Mill Valley. Mr. Yo has just finished a fine new building in Loo is especially fitted for his new field, where a new building must be erected on the c located lots held by the church. Mr. Young met with a great loss in the death of his fath

way early in November at Napa. Mr. Alden Youngman was a civil war veteran; in his ars he lived a rather secluded life on the n above Caliente. He was said to be an ipiarist. He supplied the local merchants ny families with choice honey. He was 77 age at the time of his death.

ress reports the marriage of Caroline Singer York to an artist, Leroy Baldridge, whom she le in war work in Europe. Mrs. Baldridge aughter of the late Rev E. J. Singer, whom new as the genial "doctor of sick churches," ved to call himself, a missionary who went mong our feebler folk to hearten them and them back into active service for God.

THE YUCAIPA CHURCH GROWS.

e Congregational Church in Yucaipa came nnual meeting recently, it reviewed a 200% doubling of numbers and efficiency in all The Women's Union, increasing their roll to 50, have been active in furnishing social the congregation, and securing much needed s, such as chairs, song books, dishes, cup- etc. The men, whose proportionate attend- about all a church can ask, in a three-day er effort, renovated and decorated the audi- and social hall.

e Church School, four new classes have been a missionary department instituted with y addresses and offerings, an extension of ided system of lessons, and a doubling of s. With the coming of large numbers of people to the congregation, it was advisable nize them into the Pilgrim Society; whose meetings begin at 6 p. m., with a light on, with the devotional meeting following d by about thirty, fully half being young men, l remaining to the general church service. ent four to the Long Beach Conference, and into church membership.

ar ago, many had little hope for the success church. Other denominations had intruded, etings were feebly sustained. However, the l few were roused by Dr. Kengott to make ore effort, and this time they went over the Thirty new members have brought hope and the congregation; bills have been met read- l the apportionment will be paid; attendance en encouragingly increased, especially in the g, which has multiplied four or five times. A factor has been the motion picture projector, Sunday evenings in the gospel services, and htly on Fridays for entertainment. It has ced families from far and near to the church previously had cared nothing for churches, e permanent interest in things of the spirit en awakened.

the church hopes in the coming year again to its numbers and efficiency.—C. F.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

Antioch.

Rev. G. S. Brett, the new pastor, begins his new work with the church under very distressing circumstances. He was greeted by a good congregation in the morning of his first Sunday. But that afternoon five people who had been in his congregation were killed by an automobile accident. They were all faithful members of the church. They were the wife and son of W. D. Sayles, president of the board of trustees; and the son's wife and twelve year old daughter; and Deacon Bradley, the father of Mrs. Sayles,, Jr., Donald Sayles, a boy of 9 years, was the only survivor of the party; both of his legs were broken, but it is expected that he will recover.

Crockett.

The first Sunday in November was observed as Armistice Day, with a fine community service in the evening; the house was crowded. Addresses were made by Capt. T. H. DeLap and Rev. C. F. Roper. There was special music, a salute to the flag, and a Tribute to the unknown dead. The service was also in memory of nine young men who had gone forth from the community to the war. A chorus of 15 voices assisted.

Guerneville.

When Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, who has been pastor of this church for several months, was packed up and ready to move to his new field at Eugene, Oregon, the people here gave him a surprise in the form of a good-bye reception. They expressed their sorrow at losing Mr. and Mrs. Marshall in the tangible form of a fine set of hand-painted china. The love and prayers of this people follow him to his new and important work in the University town.

Haywards.

A. P. Orth, pastor. The first Sunday in November was a big day for the church. There was a record congregation present with an impressive communion service. The church has been strengthened by the addition of sixteen members, four of them upon confession of faith. There were two baptisms. Fourteen of the new members are heads of families. The church is beginning to get a grip upon the community. Pastor Orth has been preaching a series of evening sermons upon, "The Greatest Book in the World." He has discussed such themes as: How we got our Bible; Is it inspired; Is it perfect; The secret of its power; and Its contribution to civilization. The attendance has been very encouraging.

Richmond, San Francisco.

Rev. A. Crang Bowdish, pastor. In the line of his work during his stay in California, Secretary Royce visited this church and his report is that while the membership and congregation of the church is not very encouraging for size, yet there is promise in the field. The Sunday school of about 75 young people, many of them of High school and college age, is a foundation for hope that very soon the

church will be materially strengthened by their co-operation. There is a population of about 50,000 in the Richmond district and there are only five churches there—surely not an over-churched community.

Sacramento.

Harvey P. Miller, pastor. There is daylight and growth ahead for this important church. At a well attended meeting recently the church authorized its Board of Trustees to sell the old property for$25,000 and to make plans at once to put up a new building on better located lots. When this is accomplished the church will take on new life and efficiency.

Santa Cruz.

Rev. Burton M. Palmer pastor. The church has adopted a budget for the coming year of $6,600, of which $1,250 is to go to benevolences on the apportionment of the church. This large budget includes enough to purchase a new Ford car for the pastor and to provide for its upkeep for the year. It also provides for the final liquidation of a debt that has been carried by the church. Mrs. Baldwin has made a gift to the church that will yield an income of $540 per year for the care of the parsonage.

First, Berkeley.

At the November communion service fifteen new members were received into the church, one upon confession of faith. Of the fifteen, twelve were students, eight of whom united as associate members of the church, maintaining their affiliation with their home churches. Rev. Oswald W. McCall of Australia has been secured as pulpit supply during the month of December.

AMONG THE MINISTERS.

Secretary Fagley, of the Commission on Evangelism, writes that he enjoyed the men of the Conference at Asilomar; "that was surely a delightful fellowship, it is of the greatest encouragement to find our ministers so enthusiastic and united."

Rev. Loyal L. Wirt, who has been Chicago Director for the Near-East Relief, has been promoted to be International Representative. He and Mrs. Wirt will start about the beginning of the year for a journey around the world in the interests of the Near-East work. They will visit Australia, Japan, China, perhaps South Africa, India, and elsewhere. Their business will be to establish auxiliaries, and to revisit hospitals, orphanages, and relief stations which the $60,000,000 given for this work have brought into being. Upon return to this country it will be Mr. Wirt's responsibility to report his findings to the American public.

Rev. Harley H. Gill of Stockton has been helping out his fellow-pastor at Paradise, in a series of meetings. His sermons have been upon such themes as: Can a man know God; Was Jesus divine; What help does prayer give; What makes a man a Christian; and Issues that all must settle. The int has been great and the results encouraging.

Rev. E. C. Robinson has resigned his pastora Petaluma on account of the ill health of his wi

Rev. Norman Pendleton of the Park church, keley, has received a call to the Federated Co gational-Presbyterian church at Reno, Nevada.

Rev. C. H. Wilson has resigned from his past at Alameda. Associate Superintendent Dodg supplying until a new pastor is found.

The First church at Berkeley has called t pastorate Rev. William E. Barton, the moderat the National Council. If Dr. Barton accepts he not be able to begin his pastoral service wit church until March 1st, having already made appointments as Moderator.

Rev. R. M. Pratt, who was pastor in Port Oregon, a brief while ago, has been appointed t Secretaryship of Religious Education for Ka Oklahoma and Arkansas; his home is to be i peka. Mr. Pratt specialized in this kind of while in Portland, and is well qualified for this and important position.

Rev. H. M. McDowell, in coming to his new torate at Fairmount church, Seattle, traveled Salt Lake City, where he had been pastor o Phillips church, by auto. The trip of 1200 miles made without mishap and only eighty cents fo pairs. We venture to guess it wasn't a Ford.

Rev. William A. Schwimley received into the bership of Calvary church, Oakland, one on fession and baptized three.

Rev. C. H. Stevens of the Redwood City c received fifteen into church membership, ni them on confession.

New subscribers, and old subscribers who pay their subscriptions a year in advance, may Dr. William C. Pond's new book, "Gospel Pione in California" and the Pacific together for The price of the book alone in $1.50.

"A man who has a real saint in him may same time have seven devils in himself to figh

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE VINDICATION OF ROBERT CREIGHT tale of the southwest; by Daniel Frederick Pages 272. Price $1.75 net. The Fleming H. Company, Chicago.

THE NEW PROGRAM OF RELIGIOUS ED TION, by George Herbert Betts. Pages 105. 75 cents net. The Abingdon Press, New York.

THE BIBLE IN GRADED STORY; Volume II. Good Neighbor," by Clara Belle Baker and Dean Baker. Pages 136. Price $1.00 net. The A don Press, New York.

THE BELIEF IN GOD AND IMMORTALIT James H. Leuba, Professor of Psychology and gogy in Bryn Mawr College. Pages 329. Price The Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago.

GOSPEL PIONEERING IN CALIFORNIA, by iam C. Pond; introduction by Prof. John V Buckham. Pages 191.